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Rep. Bill Cassidy ATTN: Ben Couhig 506 Cannon HOB Washington, D.C., 20515

RE: Federal Highway Request to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Dear Rep. Cassidy,

The Parish of Livingston is requesting federal funding and priority designation for the continuation of the Interstate 12 widening project to the Walker, Louisiana, interchange at state Highway 447. A state appropriation to DOTD of \$20 million has already provided a portion of the match money for the extension of this project previously funded to the Range Road interchange in Denham Springs. We are in support of a least 80 percent of this total requested amount of \$75 million being provided with the assistance of federal funds.

This is an important project that will alleviate traffic congestion on Interstate 12 and will provide immediate public safety improvements. The state highway department has conducted several open public hearings, including those in Livingston Parish, to receive feedback on this project.

I would like to express my support for this requested project extension and related funding. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me @ (225) 665-4356.

Sincerely,

Bobby Font, Mayor